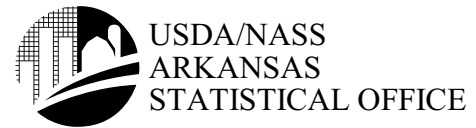


# Arkansas

## Crop Report



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The following are the survey results from the 2004 November Agricultural Yield Survey. A sample of the farmers in Arkansas provided the data for this survey. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaire or interview for the survey. The data are also posted on our home page at the Internet address above, and more detailed U.S. statistics at <http://www.usda.gov/nass/>.

### Arkansas Crop Report for November 1, 2004

**Rice:** Based on conditions as of November 1, the Arkansas all rice yield for 2004 is forecast at 6,800 pounds per acre, equal to last month's forecast but up 210 pounds per acre from last year's yield. If realized, this yield would be a record high for the state. All rice harvested acres are estimated at 1.56 million, up 7 percent from 2003. The 2004 total rice production for the state is forecast at 106.1 million hundredweight (cwt), up from last year's production of 95.9 million cwt.

**Soybeans:** Arkansas soybean yield is forecast at 40 bushels per acre, the same as the October 1 forecast, but up 1.5 bushels from last year, based on conditions as of November 1. Harvested acres of soybeans are estimated at 3.15 million acres, up 260,000 acres from 2003. Soybean production for Arkansas in 2004 is forecast at 126.0 million bushels, up 13 percent from a year ago.

**Cotton:** Based on conditions as of November 1, Arkansas cotton production is forecast at 1.97 million bales (480 pounds per bale), up 100,000 bales from last month's forecast, and up 166,000 bales from a year ago. The derived yield of 1,028 pounds per acre is up 112 pounds per acre from last year's cotton yield. Harvested acres are estimated at 920,000 acres, down from last year's 945,000 acres.

**Sorghum:** Grain sorghum production for the state is forecast at 4.87 million bushels, compared to 17.22 million a year ago, based on conditions as of November 1. The state average grain sorghum yield is forecast at 84 bushels per acre, equal to last month's forecast but up 2 bushels per acre from last year's average yield. Acres harvested for grain sorghum are estimated at 58,000, compared to 210,000 acres in 2003.

**Corn:** Based on conditions as of November 1, the 2004 Arkansas corn for grain yield is forecast at 140 bushels per acre, the same as the October 1 forecast, and equal to last year's yield. Acres of corn harvested for grain are estimated at 300,000, compared to 350,000 acres harvested in 2003. Total corn for grain production in the state is forecast at 42 million bushels.

Arkansas Area Planted, Harvested, Yield, and Production 2003-2004--November Forecast

Crop	Area Harvested		Yield			Production	
	2003	2004	2003	Oct. 1 2004	Nov. 1 2004	2003	2004
	Thousand Acres		Yield per acre			Thousands	
Rice, All, 1/	1,455	1,560	6,590.0	6,800.0	6,800.0	95,860	106,080
Soybeans, bushels	2,890	3,150	38.5	40.0	40.0	111,265	126,000
Cotton, Upland 2/	945	920	916.0	976.0	1,028.0	1,804	1,970
Sorghum, bushels	210	58	82.0	84.0	84.0	17,220	4,872
Corn, bushels	350	300	140.0	140.0	140.0	49,000	42,000

<sup>1/</sup> Rice yield in pounds. Rice Production in hundredweight (cwt)

<sup>2/</sup> Cotton yield in pounds per acre. Cotton Production in 480 pound bales.

## United States

**Rice:** U.S. production is forecast at a record high 228 million cwt, up 1 percent from October and up 14 percent from last year. Harvested area, at 3.33 million acres, is unchanged from October, but 11 percent above 2003. As of November 1, the U.S. all rice yield is forecast at a record high 6,828 pounds per acre. This yield is up 65 pounds from October and up 183 pounds from the previous record high yield set in 2003. Record high yields are forecast for Arkansas, Mississippi and Missouri.

**Soybeans:** U.S. soybean production is forecast at 3.15 billion bushels, up 1 percent from the October forecast and 28 percent above 2003. If realized, this would be the largest soybean crop on record. Based on conditions as of November 1, yields are expected to average a record high 42.6 bushels per acre, up 0.6 bushel from last month and 8.7 bushels above last year. Area for harvest is forecast at 74.0 million acres, unchanged from last month, but up 2 percent from 2003.

**Upland Cotton:** U.S. upland cotton production is forecast at 21.8 million 480-pound bales, 22 percent above 2003. Upland cotton harvested area, at 12.97 million acres, is unchanged from the October estimate, but up 10 percent from a year ago.

**Corn:** U.S. corn production is forecast at 11.7 billion bushels, up 1 percent from last month and 16 percent above 2003. Based on conditions as of November 1, yields are expected to average 160.2 bushels per acre, up 1.8 bushels from October and up 18.0 bushels from last year. If realized, both production and yield would be the largest on record.

**United States Area Planted, Harvested, Yield, and Production 2003-2004 –November Forecast**

Crop	Area Harvested		Yield			Production	
	2003	2004	2003	Oct. 1 2004	Nov. 1 2004	2003	2004
	<i>Thousand Acres</i>		<i>Yield per acre</i>			<i>Thousands</i>	
Rice, All, 1/	2,997	3,334	6,645.0	6,763.0	6,828.0	199,157.0	227,650.0
Soybeans, bushels	72,476	73,990	33.9	42.0	42.6	2,453,665.0	3,150,441.0
Cotton, Upland 2/	11,826	12,970	723.0	771.0	808.0	17,822.9	21,825.0
Sorghum, bushels	7,798	6,559	52.7	70.4	71.9	411,237.0	471,572.0
Corn, bushels	71,139	73,311	142.2	158.4	160.2	10,113,887.0	11,740,920.0

<sup>1/</sup> Rice yield in pounds. Rice Production in hundredweight (cwt)

<sup>2/</sup> Cotton yield in pounds per acre. Cotton Production in 480 pound bales.

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